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State FFA Officers Elected at Clemson Conference

Spencer C. McLeod of McBee, SC, a rising senior at McBee High School, is the new president of the South Carolina FFA Association. R. Hunter Cooper of Calhoun Falls, SC, a rising senior at Calhoun Falls High School, is state secretary. William

Nelson of Clinton, SC, a 2007 graduate of Laurens District 55 High School, is vice president for the Piedmont Region. Desiree Kinneer of Fort Mill, SC, a 2007 graduate of Indian Land High School, is vice president for the Mid-State Region.

Heather Coleman of Dillon, SC, a 2007 graduate of Latta High School, is the vice president for the Pee Dee Region and Brittany Mixson of Cope, SC, a rising senior at Edisto High School, is the vice president for the Lower-State Region. ~



Beau Williamson

National FFA President Addressed State FFA Convention

National FFA President Beau Williamson of Clovis, California, was the keynote speaker for the opening session of the 80th annual State FFA Convention held at Clemson University June 13-15, 2007.

In addition, Williamson conducted a Leadership Seminar for a group of FFA members and was interviewed for TV and radio newscasts, including the National

Public Radio Your Day multi-state broadcast which originates from the Clemson University campus.

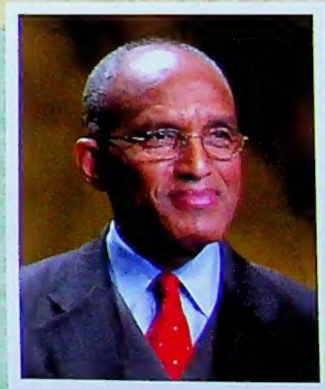
Williamson also addressed a joint luncheon session of the new and retiring state FFA officers and Clemson University's National Agriculture Alumni Board of Directors. ~

General Arnold Fields Addressed State FFA Convention

Major General Arnold Fields, US Marine Corps (retired), of Washington, DC, was a featured speaker at the 2007 State FFA Convention. General Fields, a native of Early Branch, SC, served as National Secretary of the New Farmers of America in the 1960's prior to the organization's merger with the FFA.

He graduated from South Carolina State University with a degree in Agricultural Education and taught for a short time before entering the military.

General Fields concluded his inspiring address with a solo that brought the delegates and guests to their feet in a well deserved standing ovation. ~



*Major General
Arnold Fields*

McBee FFA Chapter



Larry Rogers (left), Pat Earle, Kenneth Howle and Charles Springs.

South Carolina's Gold Emblem FFA Chapters

The Belton-Honea Path, Manning and McBee FFA Chapters took top state honors in the awards and recognition program at a special ceremony on the Clemson University during the State FFA Convention.

The Belton-Honea Path Chapter was awarded the Governor's Citation of Accomplishment as the Outstanding Community Development Program. The Manning Chapter received the Governor's Citation as the Outstanding Student Development Program and the McBee Chapter received the Citation for having the Outstanding Chapter Development Program.

Larry Rogers representing the USDA Farm Service Agency which sponsors the recognition program at the state and national levels, presented the citations on behalf of Governor Mark Sanford.

Charles Springs, chairman of the SC Rural Rehabilitation Corporation which is a co-sponsor of the recognition program in South Carolina, presented each chapter a check for \$1000 to defray expenses for the advisor and a chapter officer to attend the National FFA Convention.

Six other Gold Emblem chapters recognized were Abbeville, Aiken, B.J. Skelton Career Center, Barnwell County Career Center, Lexington Technology Center and Wagener-Salley.

Manning FFA Chapter



Larry Rogers (left), Michael Haynes, Maya Haynes and Charles Springs.

Belton-Honea Path FFA Chapter



Larry Rogers (left), Glenn Stevens, Carla Parker and Charles Springs.

Abbeville



Caroline Sherard and Fred Raines.

Aiken



Erin Hayes and Joe Wilson.

B.J. Skelton



*Caitlin Raines and
Steve McCannon.*

Wagner-Salley



*Donald Jeffcoat and Allen
Williams.*

Lexington



*Lydia Roof and
Tommy Harmon.*

Barnwell



*Jewel Wrighton and
Mindy Sandifer.*


South Carolina FFA Stars

Jeffery Padgett, a member of the Pelion FFA Chapter and a 2007 graduate of Pelion High School, was named the State FFA Star Farmer for 2007 by the SC FFA Association at a special ceremony on the Clemson University campus in June. Jeffery is the son of Jeff and Debbie Padgett of Pelion. His FFA Advisor is Frank R. Stover, Jr.

This is the highest award presented at the state level to an FFA member who is actively engaged in farming. Marie Stiles, Executive Director of the SC Cooperative Council who sponsors the award, presented a check for \$1200 to defray expenses for Jeffery and his advisor to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, this fall.

Spencer C. McLeod, a member of the McBee FFA Chapter where he is a senior in high school, was named the State FFA Star in Agribusiness during the ceremony. He is the son of Kemp and Gaie McLeod. His FFA Advisor is Pat Earle. This is the highest award presented by the SC FFA to a member at the state level who is actively involved in agribusiness. This award is co-sponsored by Southern States, Inc., and the SC FFA Foundation. Spencer received a check for \$1200 to defray his and his advisor's expenses to attend the National FFA Convention in October.

Justin Hawksworth, a member of the McBee FFA Chapter and a 2007 graduate of McBee High School, was named the State FFA Star in Agricultural Placement. He is the son of David and Jill Hawksworth. His FFA Advisor is Pat Earle. This is the highest award available to an FFA member at the state level who is successfully involved in agricultural placement. This award is sponsored by the SC FFA Foundation and provides \$1200 to defray expenses for Justin and his FFA advisor to attend the National FFA Convention this fall.

Other State FFA Star Farmer Finalist were Wesley Robinson, Laurens Chapter; Kenneth Howle, McBee Chapter; and James D. Smoak of the Barnwell Chapter. Julie Douglas, a member of the Edisto Chapter, was a state finalist in the Star Agribusiness category. Jonathan Holmes, a member of the Thurmond Chapter, and Jewell Wrighton of the Barnwell Chapter were the other state finalist in the Agricultural Placement category. 



*Jeffery Padgett (second from right) is shown with his mother
Debbie Padgett (left), Marie Stiles and Frank R. Stover, Jr.*



*Spencer McLeod (second from right) is shown with his parents,
Kemp and Gaie McLeod (at left) and Pat Earle.*



*Justin Hawksworth (second from right)
is shown with his parents, David and Jill
Hawksworth (at left) and Pat Earle.*

SC FFA Members and Agricultural Educators Contribute Plants To Beautify State House Grounds



FFA members and instructors from 55 Agricultural Education Departments in secondary schools and technology centers throughout South Carolina contributed approximately 400 flats of beautiful spring bedding plants to landscape the State Capitol grounds at a ceremony in Columbia on April 18th.

The Presentation of Flowers is a joint project of the SC FFA Association and SC Agricultural Educators. The plants are grown by FFA members who are enrolled in Horticulture, Greenhouse Management or Landscape Technology courses as part of their hands-on-training experience.

Pat Black, Agricultural Education Instructor at Branchville High School, presided at the ceremony staged on the north steps of the State House. State Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers addressed the group and accepted the plants on behalf of the State of South Carolina. Other speakers included State Representative Robert Walker of Landrum, chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee; State Representative Marion Frye of Leesville, a sub-committee chairman of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Roger

State FFA Officers Ashton Berry (left) and Katie McCannon with Roger Estridge, Pat Black, Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers, State Representative Robert Walker and State Representative Marion Frye.

Estridge of Iva, president of the SC Agricultural Educators Organization; Billy Keels, State Director of Agricultural Education with Clemson University; State FFA Secretary Ashton Berry of Saluda, and Katie McCannon, State FFA Vice President of Pendleton.

The event, planned and coordinated by John W. Parris, state director of public affairs for the SC FFA and Agricultural Educators Associations, was reported by three TV stations, the SC Radio News Network and newspapers throughout the state.



Pat Black addresses participants at Presentation of Flowers Ceremony



A SC Radio News Network Reporter interviews State FFA Secretary Ashton Berry.

Some of the participants at the Presentation of Flowers Ceremony at the State House.



Retired Agricultural Educator Establishes Scholarship Endowment

Retired Agricultural Educator Jack Black of Greenville, one of South Carolina's most outstanding FFA alumni and teachers, established the Jack Black Agricultural Scholarship Endowment with an initial \$25,000 contribution to the Clemson University Foundation earlier this year. He also contributed an additional \$2000 to provide for an annual \$1000 scholarship to a freshman entering Clemson University to major in Agriculture in 2007 and 2008. Three first scholarships from the endowment will be awarded in 2009.

Mr. Black, a native of Batesburg-Leesville, SC, graduated from Clemson University in 1948 and began a successful 29-year career as Agricultural Education Instructor at Greenville High School. He earned a MS Degree in Agricultural

Education at Clemson in 1953 and 18 hours of additional graduate credit at USC. A pioneer in Horticulture Education, Mr. Black was the first agricultural educator in the piedmont region of the state to introduce Horticulture into the high school curriculum.

A recipient of the Outstanding Agricultural Educator Award in the Southern States Region, Mr. Black was presented the "Sound Off For Agriculture" Award by the Southern Association of Agricultural Educators. He also received the Honorary American FFA Degree from the 495,000 member National FFA Organization.

Among Mr. Black's outstanding students and FFA members was the late



Jack Black (left) is congratulated by Dr. Alan Sams, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences at Clemson University.

Carroll A. Campbell, Jr., former Governor of South Carolina.

Mr. Black was recognized as one of Clemson University's 100 Outstanding Agricultural Alumni during its first 100 year history and named Distinguished Agriculturalist in South Carolina by the SC Cooperative Council. ~

Hillcrest High School Unveils New Greenhouse Facility

Greenville County School District administrators and Hillcrest High School officials joined the Agricultural Education Department faculty to unveil a new state-of-the-art greenhouse at a press conference and ribbon cutting ceremony on April 13th.

The press conference, held in the Hillcrest High School auditorium and presided over by principal Stephen Chamness, featured a number of speakers including Dr. Phinnize Fisher, superintendent of the Greenville County School District; Dr. Alan Sams, dean of the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences at Clemson University; Billy Keels, state director of Agricultural Education with Clemson University; Donna S. Foster, executive director of the SC Nursery and Landscape Association; Amanda Hiott, president of the SC FFA Association; and Mark Earle, Horticultural Education Instructor at Hillcrest High School.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony at the greenhouse was presided over by Mark Earle and included remarks by Don Looney, president and CEO of Jaderloon Greenhouse Company, Irmo; and Mark Lourie, president of M & L Irrigation Company, Simpsonville.

The event was planned and coordinated by John W. Parris, state director of public affairs with the SC FFA Association, and Susan Clark, director of public affairs with the Greenville County School District, in concert with Hillcrest High School officials and Mark Earle. ~



Dr. Alan Sams (left) with Mark Earle, Dr. Phinnize Fisher, Stephen Chamness and Billy Keels at the Ribbon-cutting Ceremony to officially open the new greenhouse.



Hillcrest FFA members Nick Lane (left) and Kyle Lane with Donna S. Foster, Mark Earle and FFA member Zach Westmoreland at the Greenhouse Ribbon-cutting ceremony.

National FFA Officials Visit South Carolina

Dr. Larry Case, National FFA Advisor and Coordinator of Agricultural and Rural Education with the US Department of Education in Washington, DC, and Jeff Papke, Program Specialist with the National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, Indiana, visited South Carolina May 31-June 1.

They met at Clemson University with the State Agricultural Education Administrative staff, the Agricultural Education Teacher Education Faculty, Agricultural Education graduate students, representatives of the State FFA Officer team and the state director of public affairs with the SC FFA organization. They also visited Anderson District I and II Technology Center's Agricultural Education Department at Williamston and joined the Pendleton High School administrative staff for dinner.

Dr. Case and Mr. Papke included South Carolina among a select number of states they are visiting to learn more about the success of Agricultural Education Programs.



Steve McGaha (left), Agricultural Education Instructor at Anderson District I & II Career and Technology Center; Dr. Larry Case and Audie Green, Agricultural Education Instructor at the Center.



Dr. Tom Dobbins (left), Agricultural Education Program Coordinator at Clemson University; Dr. Gary Burgess, Superintendent of Pendleton Area Schools; Katie McCannon, State FFA Vice President, Pendleton; and Dr. Larry Case.

Dr. Case is welcomed to Clemson University by Amanda Hiott, State FFA President.



Billy Keels (left), State Director of Agricultural Education; Dr. Larry Case, US Department of Education Official and National FFA Advisor; Jeff Papke, Program Specialist with the National FFA; and Keith Cox, SC FFA Executive Secretary-Treasurer with Clemson University.

Anderson District I & II Career and Technology Center FFA members Spencer Brown (left) and Jodi Gooch with Dr. Case.



State Forestry Team



Brian Clark (left), Horry Georgetown Technical College's Academic Chair of Forestry, Timber Harvesting and Horticulture; Gilbert FFA team members Paul Miller and Ricky Keisler; Jim Westerhold, Associate Professor for Wildlife Management; team member Bill Lander; Marvin Cribb, Associate Professor of Timber Harvesting; team member Zach Hinton; and DeAnna Eddy, Associate Professor of Forestry. The team members and Derrick Cooper, Agricultural Education Instructor at Gilbert High School, were awarded expense paid trips to the National FFA Convention to compete in the National Forestry Finals by Horry-Georgetown Technical College and the SC FFA Foundation. The Wagener-Salley team was state runner-up and the Strom Thurmond Technology Center team placed third. Barnwell FFA member Jonathan Gray was the high individual scorer in the competition. ~

State Livestock Team



Team members Brittany Atkinson (left), Audrey Jones, Nathan Coggins, Michelle Mott and Roserin Kilpatrick along with FFA Advisor Jason Wigington were awarded expense paid trips to the National FFA Convention by Carhartt and the SC FFA Foundation to compete in the National Livestock Finals. The York team was state runner-up and the Clover team placed third in the state event. ~

Thurmond Team Wins FFA Division of State Envirothon

The Strom Thurmond Technology Center Team took first place honors in the FFA Division of the State Envirothon held at the Sandhill Research and Education Center near Columbia on May 4. Team members Josh McIlvried, Jonathan Holmes, Ryan Burns, Angel Henderson and Jessica Gibson along with their advisor, Hugh Bland, were awarded expense paid trips by the SC Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society to attend the National FFA Convention to compete in the Environmental and Natural Resources Finals. The team also placed third in the overall Envirothon and each student was awarded a \$125 scholarship.

Calhoun Falls team members Brittany Rhodes, Katrina Brooks, Kelsey Powell, Chelsea Kidd and Scott Sherard placed second in the FFA Division. They were coached by Calvert Sherard, Agricultural Education Instructor and FFA advisor at Calhoun Falls High School.

Loris team members Derek Booth, Adam Gore, Jamin Floyd, Jamison Lewis and Marcel Rossignol placed third in the FFA Division. They were coached by Nate Bellamy, Agricultural Education Instructor and FFA advisor at Loris High School. ~



Hugh Bland (left) with Team members Josh McIlvried, Jonathan Holmes, Ryan Burns, Angel Henderson and Jessica Gibson.

State Tractor Operators Team



Wagener-Salley Tractor Operators Team members Brittany Howard (left), Steven Swan, Tripp Gantt and Mitch Rushton with Allen Williams, FFA advisor. The Lakewood team was state runner-up and the Pelion team placed third. This event is co-sponsored by Carolina Tractor and Marine of Anderson. ~

State Tool Identification Team



Wagener-Salley FFA team members Ben Blackwell (left), Kyle Clarke, Derek Shealy and Trevor West with Allen Williams, FFA advisor. The Woodmont team was state runner-up and the Travelers Rest team placed third. The competition is sponsored by the SC FFA Foundation and participation is limited to first year Agricultural Education students. ~

State Agronomy Team



Bethel DuRant (left), a USDA NRCS official, with McBee Agronomy Team members Kenneth Howle, Justin Hawksworth and Spencer McLeod. McBee FFA Advisor Pat Earle is at right. The team and Mr. Earle were awarded expense paid trips to the National FFA Convention to compete in the National Agronomy Finals by the USDA-NRCS and the SC FFA Foundation. The Abbeville team was runner-up and the Strom Thurmond Technology Center team placed third in the state competition. ~

State Ag Issues Team



Calhoun Falls FFA Agricultural Issues Team members Hunter Cooper (left), Zachary Price, Scott Sherard, Thomas Broome and William Sherard along with FFA advisor Calvert Sherard were awarded expense paid trips to the National FFA Convention to compete in the National Ag Issues Finals by the SC FFA Foundation. The Manning team was state runner-up and the Ridge Spring-Monetta team placed third in the state competition. ~

State Ag Mechanics Team



Wagener-Salley FFA Agricultural Mechanics Team members Tripp Gantt, Andrew Shumpert, Cody Rish and Britteny Howard along with Allen Williams, FFA advisor and team coach, were awarded expense paid trips to the National FFA Convention to compete in the National Finals by the SC FFA Foundation. The York team was runner-up and the Woodmont team placed third in the state finals. ~

State Farm Business Management Team



Loris FFA Farm Business Management Team members Michelle Williams (left), Megan Stevens, Derek Booth and Lauren Todd along with Nate Bellamy, FFA advisor, were awarded expense paid trips to the National FFA Convention to compete in the National Finals by the SC FFA Foundation. The Aynor team was state runner-up and the Ridge Spring-Monetta team placed third. ~

State Parliamentary Procedure Team



Manning FFA advisor Michael Haynes (left) and Parliamentary Procedure Team members Kelsey Harrison, Taylor Stukes, Annette Egbonim, Kristin Keels, Vaneesa Capers and Kiera Walker were awarded expense paid trips to the National FFA Convention to compete in the National Finals by the USDA Agricultural Statistics Service. The Abbeville team was state runner-up and the B.J. Skelton team placed third. ~

State Poultry Team



Amanda Nichols (left), Saluda FFA Advisor, and FFA Poultry Judging Team members Kayla Rodgers, Joshua Nicholson, Lisa Stone and Chrissie Coleman were awarded expense paid trips to the National FFA Convention to compete in the National Finals by the SC FFA Foundation. The Strom Thurmond Technology Center team was state runner-up and the Cheraw team placed third. ~



State Knowledge Bowl Team

Abbeville FFA Advisor Fred Raines and FFA Knowledge Bowl Team members Katie Simpson, Kristy Simpson, Devon Herron and Jennifer Haynie were awarded expense paid trips to attend the National FFA Convention by the SC FFA Foundation. The Manning team was state runner-up in the competition. ~

State Dairy Foods Team



Clover FFA Dairy Foods Team members Josh Long (left), Michael Hull, Katie Long and Kyle Hodges along with Carrie C. Bolin, FFA advisor, were awarded expense paid trips to the National FFA Convention to compete in the National Finals by the Clemson University Spring Dairy Show and the SC FFA Foundation. The Cheraw team was runner-up and the Abbeville team placed third in the state finals. ~

State Dairy Animal Evaluation Team



Laurens FFA advisor Melaine Birchmore (left) and Dairy Evaluation Team members Alison Stokes, Melvin McClellion, Candice Crane and Brittany Powell were awarded expense paid trips to the National FFA Convention to compete in the National Finals by the Clemson University Spring Dairy Show and the SC FFA Foundation. The Cheraw team was runner-up and the York team placed third in the state finals. ~

State Round Robin Event



Dacusville Middle School FFA Round Robin Team members Ashley Frady, Zena Bradshaw, Kaley Kerr and Ashley Waldrop took first place honors in the State Middle School Competitive Events. Amy New is the FFA advisor and team coach. The Pickens Middle School FFA team was runner-up and the Bowman Middle School team placed third in the state finals. ~

State Job Interview Champion



McBee FFA member Kenneth Howle was awarded an expense paid trip to the National FFA Convention to compete in the National Job Interview Finals by the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences at Clemson University. Congratulating Kenneth is Pat Earle, Agricultural Education Instructor and FFA advisor at McBee High School. ~

State Extemporaneous Speaker



McBee FFA member Spencer McLeod was awarded an expense paid trip to the National FFA Convention to compete in the National Extemporaneous Speaking Finals by Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College, Tifton, Georgia. Congratulating Spencer is Pat Earle, FFA advisor at McBee High School. ~

State Public Speaking Winner



McBee FFA member Megan Wayne was awarded an expense paid trip to the National FFA Convention to compete in the National Public Speaking Finals by the SC Advocates for Agriculture. Congratulating Megan is Pat Earle, FFA advisor at McBee High School. ~

State Upper Division Creed Speaking Champion

Lexington Technology Center FFA member Suzette Sharpe was awarded an expense paid trip to the National FFA Convention as state winner in the Upper Division Creed Speaking competition by the SC Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association. Congratulating Suzette is Tommy Harmon, FFA advisor at the Center. ~

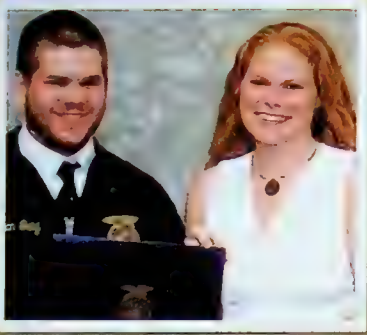




Lakewood FFA Chapter Sponsored Successful Ag Day Event

Hundreds of students, faculty and administrators from Sumter-area schools experienced Agriculture Day at Lakewood High School in April. The very successful community service event was sponsored and conducted by the Lakewood FFA Chapter. The advisor is Jillian Shupenis, Agricultural Education Instructor. ~

Barnwell Student Named State Award Winner



Jonathan Gray, president of the Barnwell County Career Center FFA Chapter, was named winner of the State FFA Agri-Entrepreneurship Award at the annual SC FFA Conference at Clemson University. He is congratulated by his FFA advisor, Mindy Sandifer. ~

McBee Student Presented Top State Individual Award



Kenneth Howle, 2006-07 president of the McBee FFA Chapter, was named recipient of the State FFA Individual Award at the SC FFA Conference. Congratulating him is McBee FFA Advisor Pat Earle. The award includes an expense paid trip to the National FFA Convention and is sponsored by John W. Parris, state director of public affairs with the SC FFA Association. ~



Daniel Jarrard

In Memorium

Crescent FFA member Daniel Jarrard, died May 5, 2007, as a result of injuries sustained in a one-vehicle accident.

The only son of James and Emily Jarrard of Starr, SC, Daniel was awarded a \$2500 SC Farm Bureau-sponsored Junior Beef Cattle Scholarship at the 2006 State Fair. He had won a number of other scholarships as a result of his superb ability to show beef cattle.

Daniel was a member of Good Hope Baptist Church, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Grove Volunteer Fire Department, the SC Junior Hereford Association, the SC Junior Angus Association and the Anderson County Cattlemen's Association.

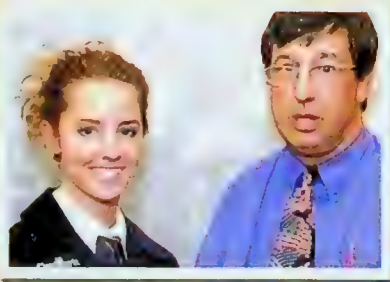
The funeral service was held May 8, 2007, at Good Hope Baptist Church with interment in the Iva City Cemetery with Full Firemen Honors. ~

Manning Student Wins State Creed Speaking Title



Maranda Bodenheimer, a member of the Manning FFA Chapter, was awarded an expense paid trip to the National FFA Convention to compete in the National Finals by the SC Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association. Michael Haynes, Manning FFA advisor, congratulates Maranda. ~

Belton-Honea Path Student Wins Scholarship



Kelci Wilson, a member of the Belton-Honea Path FFA Chapter, was awarded the Hilton V. Rogers Scholarship presented by the SC Fertilizer and Agri-Chemicals Association in honor of Mr. Rogers, a long time official with the Fertilizer Department at Clemson University, now retired. Kelci will be attending Clemson University this fall majoring in Agricultural Economics. She is congratulated by her FFA Advisor, Glenn Stevens. ~

"Buy South Carolina" Kick-Off Campaign



Governor Mark Sanford with State FFA Officers Katie McCannon (left) and Amanda Hiott at the "Buy South Carolina" Kick-Off Campaign sponsored by the SC Department of Agriculture to promote buying South Carolina farm products. ~

SC Young Farmer-Agribusiness Leaders Address Ag Council

SC Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association past president Henry Herndon (left), and president-elect Jeff Sandifer, were featured speakers at the spring meeting of the South Carolina Agricultural Council. They discussed the increasing deer problem related to production agriculture. ~

SC Young Farmer-Agribusiness Scholarships

Roger Smith, president of the SC Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association, presented a \$1000 scholarship to State FFA President Amanda Hiott, a member of the Barnwell Chapter, and Cameron Burns, a member of the Pendleton Chapter. The presentation was made at the annual State FFA Conference at Clemson University in June. ~



Amanda Hiott

Cameron Burns
with her father,
Gary Burns.

"SC Taste" Event



State FFA Officers Tyler Brown (left), Ashton Berry; FFA Alumnus Peter Wilkins of Blacksburg, State Officers Lara Boyd and Allen Wright at the "SC Taste" held for members of the SC General Assembly to acquaint them with the quality, diversity and economic importance of food produced and marketed in South Carolina. Peter Wilkins is the new executive director of the SC Cattlemen's Association. ~



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New Wildlife Management Program

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